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THE 1979 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

James J. Hungerford
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The Iowa Science Teachers Section has selected John McCurdy of Marshalltown Community College as its recipient of the 1979 Service Award. The award honors Iowans who have contributed significantly to the service of the Iowa Science Teachers Section and to the needs of science education in the State of Iowa. The award was presented at Ames, Iowa on 2 March 1979 during the Science Teacher's Short Course noon luncheon.



John has taught science at the junior high, senior high and college levels. He started his teaching career in Belle Plaine, Iowa where he taught high school science. He also served as a high school science teacher at Osage, Iowa and served as a junior high science instructor at Oak Street School in Burlington, Iowa.

In 1959, John completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree from William Penn College at Oskaloosa, Iowa. In 1964, he received his Master of Arts in Teaching from the University of Montevallo, Alabama.

John has been in the Department of Science Education at Marshalltown Community College since 1966. During his tenure he has been awarded several National Science Foundation Grants and has served as an active life member in the National Science Teachers Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. John is also a Fellow of the Iowa Academy of Science.

John is currently Treasurer of the Iowa Academy of Science and has served as Host for the highly successful Iowa Science Teachers Fall Conferences held at the Marshalltown Community College.

John and his wife Susan have two children, Kathy, age 6 and Liza, age 3. John has served his community as both a Sunday School teacher and Sunday School Superintendent. He has also sponsored church youth groups. In addition, he has served as a member of the Marshalltown Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Iowa Science Teachers Section of the Iowa Academy of Science wishes to express its gratitude to John for the service and leadership that he has provided and will continue to provide. The science students and teachers of the state have benefited through his dedication to science education.

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Iowa Winters

Coldest Temperature: -47°F at Washta, Iowa — Jan. 12, 1912

Coldest Month: 4.2°F — Jan. 1912

Coldest Winter: Dec.-Feb. 11.8°F — 1874-75

Coldest Year: 43.3°F — 1875

Worst Winter: (prolonged snow and cold) 1935-36

From the pamphlet, *Iowa's Weather* (1977), by Paul Waite, State Climatologist.

Inside the Cell

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences is prepared to make classroom quantities of a booklet, *Inside the Cell*, available without charge to science teachers upon request. The booklet contains 100 pages of updated textual materials on cellular biology. Requests should be sent to Office of Research Reports, National Institute of General Medicinal Sciences, National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. The booklet is written in a popular style and will be of interest to teachers teaching units on the cell.